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Applicant: Robert LAFLEUR
Serial No.: 09/990,876
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Title: ADAPTABLE COMPUTER CARD I/O CONNECTION
Group Art Unit: 2839
Examiner: Thanh-Tam T. LE
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**AND****REQUEST FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

MAIL STOP - AMENDMENT
Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

The present response is being filed after the time limit set out in the Official Communication. In accordance with 37CFR1.136, an extension of time of one month is hereby requested. The appropriate fee set out in 37CFR1.17(a) for the large entity status claimed on filing of the present application may be charged to deposit account 19-5113. Any additional fees required to enter the present response may also be charged to deposit account 19-5113.

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004 in connection with the above-identified Application, please consider the following:

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the one of said holes can help to stabilize the I/O connector on the computer card when mounted in either the upper or lower portion of the card." The Examiner has ignored all of the structural elements of the claim with respect to the positioning of the connecting mounting member receiving holes. Tan et al. does not teach such positioning with respect to the receiving holes in the computer card. The Examiner has provided no evidence to this effect.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tan et al. and Szeto as applied to claim 11, and further in view of Sung. This rejection is traversed for the same reasons cited above with respect to claim 11.

The Applicants believe the claims, as they currently stand, overcome the Examiner's obviousness rejections and a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-12 and 16-21 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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